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outputting of the grating, then a mash with holes for selecting secondary beams issued from three diffraction orders, and an exit lens recording the interference pattern in a plane conjugated to the grating.

Therefore, the above-cited article related only to a particular observing means corresponding to the end of the apparatus claim 4, and also a particular observing step corresponding to the end of the method claim 1.


Accordingly, allowance of the method claims 1 and 4, as amended, is courteously solicited.

Attached hereto is a mark-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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